

## Rucker, Caley

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**From:** Tom Sweeney <tom.sweeney.lax@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 7:02 PM  
**To:** J Olson; Reynolds, Mitch  
**Subject:** Re: Ordinance

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- 1) Awesome!
- 2) We already hand delivered the letter to the Mayor's Office this afternoon (we tried to catch him in person)
- 3) We are planning an announcement tomorrow morning of a news conf at city hall tomorrow at 2:30, but we will not announce if we are not assured of a crowd of supporters that will attend. We need to know who will come so we can get the number then we can make the determination of whether to have the conference or not. Would you commit to attending? Can you spread the invitation to others to attend and get your # back to me so I can add it the number others will be compiling.
- 4) As we understand it, yes, 5pm tomorrow is the veto deadline. Others thought it was 10 days, but others say it's 5. Someone talked with the deputy city clerk and said they said 5pm tomorrow. What do you know about that?
- 5) Beginning this evening we will make the letter you received from me to Mitch electronically sendable to [reynoldsm@cityoflacrosse.org](mailto:reynoldsm@cityoflacrosse.org) . So, if you want to forward it to him stating you agree with the letter, that would be great.

Thanks, Tom

On Mon, Jun 13, 2022 at 6:31 PM J Olson <[olsonapartments@gmail.com](mailto:olsonapartments@gmail.com)> wrote:

I am comfortable adding my signature to this. Should I print and sign and drop it off at City Hall tomorrow? Tomorrow would be the veto deadline correct?

Jessica

On Jun 13, 2022, at 6:23 PM, Tom Sweeney <[tom.sweeney.lax@gmail.com](mailto:tom.sweeney.lax@gmail.com)> wrote:

This is what they passed word for word from the introduced resolution:

*SECTION I (c) Conversion Therapy Prohibited. It is unlawful for any person to practice conversion therapy with anyone under the age of 18.*

I would highlight *any person* as they think gov't can tell everyone what they can and can't do in private & privileged conversations.

Letter attached.

Thx/

Tom

<Mitch Reynolds Veto Itr.docx>

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**From:** Brittney Cornillaud <bcornillaud@protonmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 10:57 AM  
**To:** Reynolds, Mitch  
**Subject:** VETO Ordinance 32-191

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Mayor Reynolds,

I write to request you veto Ordinance 32-191. It does not expressly provide the mental health provider the latitude to determine whether the child suffers from a mental health condition (e.g. bipolar disorder, PTSD) that may be unduly influencing the child's determination that s/he wants to change their gender identity. I believe a licensed, experienced mental health professional is in a better position to determine the patient's needs than a city council. S/he should not feel forced by this ordinance to support a gender transition if s/he in their professional opinion feels that underlying issues should be addressed first.

I believe gender dysphoria is real, but rare. The skyrocketing numbers of children identifying as transgender in the last 10 years is a phenomenon that should be carefully studied before we enact sweeping rules that limit a professional's ability to treat their patients. I have read dozens of accounts of children regretting gender transition and wishing the adults in their lives would've lovingly sat with them for a time to figure out what was going on before (often permanently) altering their body.

Some children do not regret the transition, and that is great, but please allow mental health professionals and parents the ability to sit with these children to ensure that more deeply rooted issues are first addressed without the fear of a lawsuit, citation, loss of license, loss of custody, etc.

Please veto the ordinance until it can be amended to clearly provide parents and mental health professionals the ability to consider all the child's needs and not just rubber stamping gender transition. I understand that there is a segment of our community that may loudly protest this approach, but they must not be allowed to push our children into a corner. Please let's slow down and make sure we are doing right by our children and the mental health professional community.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Brittney Cornillaud

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**From:** Peter Steele <peter@couleerock.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 11:48 AM  
**To:** Reynolds, Mitch  
**Subject:** Please Veto Section 32-191 of the Code of ordinances that bans conversion therapy in La Crosse

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Mayor Reynolds,

My name is Peter and I am a pastor of Coulee Rock Church in La Crosse. I am writing to ask you to veto Section 32-191 of the Code of ordinances that bans conversion therapy in La Crosse. I believe very strongly there are religious aspects to this ordinance that are not taken into consideration in the way it is currently written. I believe this means the ordinance is imposing on our constitutional right of freedom of religion.

I know this ordinance is a personal and passionate topic for many in our community. Seeing over 100 letters written to the City Council addressing this ordinance before the vote last week speaks to how deeply people feel on both sides of this topic. I would urge you to veto this ordinance so more time can be taken to look at ways to "protect the health and safety of our youth" without trampling our religious freedoms. Kael & Jenn Clemmerson, in their letter of opposition sent to the City Council, shared wording from other communities, like Superior, Wi., who intentionally protected freedom of speech and religious freedom. They point out Superior's ordinance passed unanimously without any opposition. I urge you to veto this unconstitutional ordinance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

God bless,  
Peter



**Peter Steele** Pastor

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**From:** Elsen, Nikki  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 11:51 AM  
**To:** Rucker, Caley  
**Subject:** FW: At the Courthouse Steps

**From:** Pastor Hatlevig <phconnectchurch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 11:41 AM  
**To:** ZZ City Clerk External <cityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: At the Courthouse Steps

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Please see that Mayor Reynolds gets this email, - thank you.

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**From:** Pastor Hatlevig <phconnectchurch@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Tue, Jun 14, 2022 at 10:02 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: At the Courthouse Steps  
**To:** <reynolds@cityoflacrosse.org>

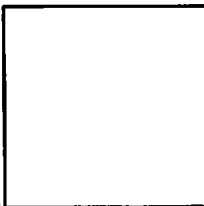
We fully agree with this letter and the request for a veto of this outrageous usurping of our freedom of speech and parental rights in particular. PLEASE stand with our Constitution and veto Section 32-191 of the Code of Ordinances. You have a moral majority in LaCrosse - please hold to your responsibilities.  
Thank you!

Pastors Jerry & Nancy Hatlevig  
Connect Church

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**From:** Andrew Le Febre <alefebrerhc@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Tue, Jun 14, 2022 at 9:11 AM  
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**To:**

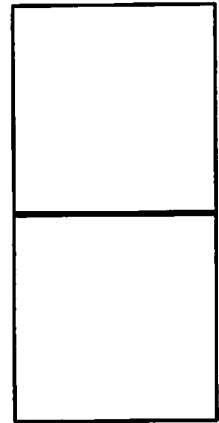
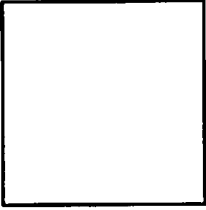
I am forwarding a letter written by one of our dear members on behalf of all God fearing



pastors and leaders in our community.  
**shannon McKinney**

Mon, Jun 13, 11:08 PM (9 hours ago)

to me, Jackie, Chris, Bill, kimberly8231



Today, Monday, June 13, a letter was hand delivered to La crosse Mayor Mitch Reynolds asking him to veto Section 32-191 of the Code of ordinances that bans conversion therapy in La Crosse. By law the mayor has until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, to veto this unconstitutional ordinance.

It's important to understand that Mac Kiel and others, who authored this ordinance, are fully intent on enforcing this. In the Tribune, Kiel was quoted saying that she wants to let all parents and children be educated on how to recognize when someone is breaking the law. She said, "If you hear of something like this, then question it, look into it. The police department is here to help and see if it's against this ordinance."

Mayor Reynolds needs to hear your voices, and know that this ordinance is unacceptable. Parenting involves choosing who will speak to your child about private, sexual issues and how it will be communicated. Honestly, words fail to capture the appalling audacity that six council members had in trying to assert a right to trample over your constitutionally, guaranteed protections so that they could push themselves into those private, conversations about sexual issues with your minor children. It's actually disgusting.

We deserve to know if the mayor aligns himself with honoring his oath to protect our rights or if he wishes to send police to fine and harass pastors, religious school counselors and other therapists for counseling children according to the parents' personal or religious beliefs.

So, we are inviting you to be involved at this point of the process in these ways:

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Andy

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**From:** Elsen, Nikki  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 11:56 AM  
**To:** Rucker, Caley  
**Subject:** FW: For Mayor Mitch Reynolds

**From:** Gerry & Marilyn Lee <germarlee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 11:29 AM  
**To:** ZZ City Clerk External <cityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org>  
**Subject:** For Mayor Mitch Reynolds

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Dear Mayor,

Please consider the far-reaching implications of the above ordinance. This clearly violates constitutional rights of parents to instill moral values in their minor children and the freedom to practice religion.

Children explore many avenues when they reach an age to find their own identity. Some avenues are more harmful than others and they need help when they find out they have made mistakes along the way. This ordinance has the potential to block the very help that someone is desperately looking for.

Is this truly good for the La Crosse community?

Thank you for your careful consideration. We strongly urge you to VETO this ordinance.

Gerry and Marilyn Lee  
Residents of the La Crosse community

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**From:** judyschmitz070670 <judyschmitz@protonmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 12:08 PM  
**To:** Reynolds, Mitch  
**Subject:** Ordinance

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Mayor Reynolds...I am opposed to that recent ordinance adopted last week in the city council regarding conversion therapy. While I disagree with this type of therapy, I don't feel that the city should get involved in such matters. I feel that this opens a slippery slope into the parent child relationship. With the indoctrination of sexual matters in the schools, a parent has a right to speak with their kids regarding certain things that are being pushed on children, who can be easily confused. If a child becomes confused by the gender agenda being propagandized in schools, a parent has a right to step in and provide guidance to their child with out the fear of government stepping in. Please veto this. Thank you. JASchmitz.

Sent from ProtonMail for iOS



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**From:** Debbie Boehm <icraft51@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 12:43 PM  
**To:** Reynolds, Mitch  
**Subject:** Ordinance 32-191

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I request that you veto this ordinance. It is a parent's responsibility and right to discuss private sexual choice matters with their children.

Mayor Reynolds, you took an oath to protect our constitutional rights. This ordinance is taking away the rights of parents to decide what is appropriate for each individual child. It is not the schools responsibility to discuss this personal matter with young children !

Thank you for your time!  
Debbie B.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Randy <czarh1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 12:43 PM  
**To:** Reynolds, Mitch  
**Subject:** Regarding Ordinance section 32-191

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> Attn Mitch,

> I am sending this email to you and would like you to veto ordinance section 32-191 I am a gay male living in La Crosse and sick of all this crap being taught to our kids and being pushed in our faces daily. This is between the parents and kids and not for government and schools to get there noses involved and also a power grab towards our constitution. You took an oath to uphold our constitution and I would expect you to continue to persevere our constitutional rights. Not to slowly Chisel them away as what's being done now with the federal government. We need less government involvement not more.

> Thank you for your time and consideration, Randy

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**From:** Timothy Duesenberg <stmaximos@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 1:42 PM  
**To:** Reynolds, Mitch  
**Subject:** Regarding the Section 32-191 of the Code of ordinances

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Mayor Reynolds,

I write to ask you to consider vetoing the recently passed Section 32-191 of the Code of ordinances that bans conversion therapy.

To be sure the matter at hand involves navigating tricky waters. I would hope that few if any want to make life more difficult for others. We clearly must tolerate and treat all people with dignity. But when it comes to sexuality there is not as much hard science as some like to project. Furthermore, when it comes to sexual behavior and activity many of us in the community have deep religious convictions and a sense for natural law that precludes an endorsement or celebration of all sexual activity.

Toleration does not mean agreeing with or celebrating something. It means showing respect to people who hold different convictions and ideas. Respect needs to be a two-way street. The LGBTQ community wants respect for their convictions, but increasingly there seems little respect in return for convictions different than their own. There would already be laws on the book preventing coercion and unwelcomed therapy, but is that what this ordinance is about? Are we heading in the direction to make it illegal to teach Scripture and natural law?

Whether this ordinance would interfere with religious instruction and what parents teach in the home I don't know, but my fear is that it paves the way. We are not talking about discrimination in employment or in receiving goods and services. But it appears that we are talking about foisting one understanding of morality and preventing any other.

Are you comfortable trying to preclude parental authority in this matter? Nationally, that's not playing well now. Are you comfortable overriding an individual choice to seek help to overcome what one person might view as a sinful desire with behavior that they believe to be proscribed? Are you comfortable running interference with the teaching of many religious communities, especially with Christians who look to the Bible as the Word of God?

Is this really the kind of authority the city needs to exercise? Please consider vetoing this ordinance. Do so out of respect for everyone's convictions.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely, Pastor Tim Duesenberg

Pastor Timothy A. Duesenberg, STS  
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*"Tradition means giving votes to the most obscure of all classes, our ancestors. It is the democracy of the dead. Tradition refuses to submit to the small and arrogant oligarchy of those who happen to be walking about." - G.K. Chesterton*

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**From:** City of La Crosse, WI <enotification@notices.cityoflacrosse.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 2:03 PM  
**To:** Rucker, Caley  
**Subject:** \*NEW SUBMISSION\* Website Feedback Form -Mayor

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### Website Feedback Form -Mayor

**Submission #:** 1739524  
**IP Address:** 184.100.31.42  
**Submission Date:** 06/14/2022 2:03  
**Survey Time:** 13 minutes, 19 seconds

You have a new online form submission.

Note: all answers displaying "\*\*\*\*\*" are marked as sensitive and must be viewed after your login.

#### Your Name

A Concerned Citizen of La Crosse,

#### Your Email

temporary@centurylink.net

#### Read-Only Content

#### Your Message.

Please veto the "Conversion Therapy Ban" ordinance. Why? It is one thing for a professional association to ban it for its members. However, when a government outlaws it, it violates freedom of speech & is probably unconstitutional. Therapists aren't always right and science keeps changing. To codify into law a current position may prove embarrassing later. Reality is usually more complex than one side portrays it... Stay out of the "culture wars." There are organizations like Parents & Friends of Ex-Gays (PFOX; <https://www.pfox.org/>) and Broken Yoke Ministries (<https://brokenyoke.org/about-us/>) that have a different perspective than the one presented at the City Council meeting. -- Name withheld out of fear of being labeled 'anti-gay'

#### Read-Only Content

Thank you,  
La Crosse, WI

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**From:** soprano2468@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 2:49 PM  
**To:** Reynolds, Mitch  
**Subject:** Veto the Ban on CT

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Dear Mayor Reynolds,

I am writing to request that you veto this unconstitutional ban on conversion therapy. It is our rights as parents to seek any type of help we deem necessary for our children.

I respectfully ask you to read the attached article to see why so many of your constituents are wholeheartedly opposed to this bill and why a ban is unnecessary, unconstitutional and most importantly, harmful to the future of our children.

<https://www.heritage.org/gender/commentary/how-conversion-therapy-bans-hurt-kids>

Thank you, kindly,  
Georgia Stockman  
29th Court S  
La Crosse

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**From:** mayton36 <mayton36@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 2:56 PM  
**To:** Reynolds, Mitch  
**Subject:** Veto section 32-191

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Please Veto this bill/ordinance and defend our rights as you promised. This is unconstitutional and an infringement on parental rights to raise and teach our kids according to our religious and moral beliefs. This is overreaching at its worse. Please for the love of God do the right thing. Veto this bill!!!

Marie Mayton

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** Mary LaMothe <maryj.lamothe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 3:08 PM  
**To:** IR - Mayor; ZZ City Clerk External  
**Subject:** Conversion Therapy

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Dear Mayor Reynolds:

I am writing this email to express our sincerest **OBJECTION** to you signing the Conversion Therapy Ordinance for use in our school systems. Our objections derive from the fact that government has **NO AUTHORITY** to violate the Constitution of the United States, violating the Freedom of Religion and the Free Exercise thereof. Government has **NO AUTHORITY** to violate free speech and the freedom to assemble and associate amongst persons. Since the Government has **NO AUTHORITY** to ban the meeting of or associating amongst persons, this includes **MINOR CHILDREN** whose parents or guardians send their children to therapy that supports their beliefs. Parents and guardians do have the right to choose how their children are counseled and guided in personal, private matters. **NOT** the schools or local government.

Please **VETO ORDINANCE Section #32-191**. Choose to do right for our future generations, which would include yours!

Mary LaMothe



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**From:** Kimberly <kimberly8231@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 3:45 PM  
**To:** Reynolds, Mitch  
**Subject:** veto Section 32-191

**Mitch Reynolds, Mayor, City of La Crosse, WI**

**Re: Veto**

**June 13,  
2022**

**Honorable Mayor,**

**Please veto Section 32-191 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse prohibiting conversion therapy with anyone under the age of 18. This narrowly passed on Thursday, June 9, 2022! Please veto this ordinance for the following reasons:**

**First and foremost, government has no authority to violate the Constitution of the United States of America; namely, violating the Freedom of Religion and the Free Exercise thereof. Government has no authority to violate free speech and the freedom to assemble and associate amongst persons. Mayors in the United States take an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. We ask you to support the constitution and your oath by vetoing the ban on conversion therapy.**

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Kimberly Krejchik

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**From:** Joy Buchman <momof2marines@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 3:57 PM  
**To:** Reynolds, Mitch  
**Subject:** Veto

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Mr. Mayor,

I am requesting that would would Veto the ordinance approved at the last city board meeting concerning conversion therapy. As a Christian therapist this greatly hampers my ability to counsel through the lens of my religious beliefs. People come to me because I am a Christian and they want their families, their children to be counseled through that lens. This ordinance hampers both mine and the parent's right to do this. It removes my right to counsel through my religious faith without interference from a local governing authority. As one of the council members stated license counselors are already governed by state regulations and it is not the place of the city council to pass such ordinances.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press...

Joy Buchman MS , LPC-IT, NCC

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**From:** VIKKI MCVEY <vikkimcvey01@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 4:35 PM  
**To:** Reynolds, Mitch  
**Subject:** Conversion Therapy

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Dear Mayor Reynolds,

Please reconsider and veto the conversion therapy item that just passed. It goes against religious freedom and the constitution of the United States.

Thank you.

Vikki McVey

Sent from Mail for Windows

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**From:** Randy <czarh1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022 7:44 AM  
**To:** Randy  
**Cc:** Reynolds, Mitch; ZZ City Clerk External  
**Subject:** Your decision on Ordinance section 32-191

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Attn Mitch,

Why is it that liberals are so good about banning what they don't like. If people wanted to seek this conversion therapy out and felt it would help them why is it that you and the other members of the city council are ok with banning this. We're people being made to do this therapy ?. Banning stuff that should be a choice and now is against the law is chipping away at our freedoms and constitutional rights. It's no difference than a ban on abortion and I'm sure you and others would be angry if that was banned and against the law in all states. So I don't approve of your decision but I do expect you to uphold our constitutional rights. Honestly I don't think you really care about people who differ than you. It's all about an agenda that seems to going on here in America. I really hope you think about your actions and find a way to prove us constitutionalists wrong.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Randy

Sent from my iPad

> On Jun 14, 2022, at 1:10 PM, Randy <Czarh1@hotmail.com> wrote:

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>>> Attn Mitch, city council clerk, and members

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**From:** Dave Konkol <davekonkol@firstfree.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022 9:44 AM  
**To:** Reynolds, Mitch  
**Subject:** That Ordinance

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Mayor Reynolds, I have met you at the Homeless meetings and I meet regularly with Brian Sampson on this issue. But I do want to express my support of the letter from Ms. McKinney and my disappointment that you chose not to veto the ordinance to ban conversion therapy. It is just such an over-reach by the city council. I thought Pastor Ty Cooper's remarks broadcast on Channel 19 were spot on.

I have also written to the city attorney, Mr. Matty, with serious questions that many pastors and others will have regarding the scope of this ordinance. No one wants to be a law breaker, so my questions about what constitutes a violation are important. I hope and trust that he will respond and give some guidance, especially for those leaders of La Crosse churches, synagogues and mosques.

Respectfully,

**Dave Konkol**

*Justice and Outreach Pastor*

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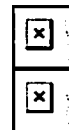
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to me, Jackie, Chris, Bill, kimberly8231



Today, Monday, June 13, a letter was hand delivered to La crosse Mayor Mitch Reynolds asking him to veto Section 32-191 of the Code of ordinances that bans conversion therapy in La Crosse. By law the mayor has until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, to veto this unconstitutional ordinance.

It's important to understand that Mac Kiel and others, who authored this ordinance, are fully intent on enforcing this. In the Tribune, Kiel was quoted saying that she wants to let all parents and children be educated on how to recognize when someone is breaking the law. She said, "If you hear of something like this, then question it, look into it. The police department is here to help and see if it's against this ordinance."

Mayor Reynolds needs to hear your voices, and know that this ordinance is unacceptable. Parenting involves choosing who will speak to your child about private, sexual issues and how it will be communicated. Honestly, words fail to capture the appalling audacity that six council members had in trying to assert a right to trample over your constitutionally, guaranteed protections so that they could push themselves into those private, conversations about sexual issues with your minor children. It's actually disgusting.

**We deserve to know if the mayor aligns himself with honoring his oath to protect our rights or if he wishes to send police to fine and harass pastors, religious school counselors and other therapists for counseling children according to the parents' personal or religious beliefs.**

**So, we are inviting you to be involved at this point of the process in these ways:**